A TRVE REPORTARIE

OF THE MOST TRIVMPHANT, AND ROYAL ACCOMplishment of the Baptisme of the

most Excellent, right High, and mightie Prince,

FREDERIK HENRY; *By the grace of* God, Prince of SCOTLAND.

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A TRVE REPORTARIE OF THE BAPTISME OF THE PRINCE *of Scotland.*

THE Noble and moſt potent Prince of Scotland, was borne in the Caſtell of *Striuiling* vpon Tueſday, the 19. day of Februarie 1594. vpon which occaſion the Kingis Maieſtie, ſent for the Nobles of his Land, and to all the capitall Burrows thereof, to haue their aduiſe, how he ſhould proceed for the due ſolemnization of his Royall Baptiſme, and what Princes he ſhould ſend to: When they were all compeired with great diligence and goodwill, hee propouned vnto them, that it was neceſſary, to direct out Ambaſſadours to France, England, Denmarke, the Lowe-Countries, the Duke of *Brunſwicke* his brother in lawe, and to the Duke of *Magdelburgh*, the Queenes Maieſties Grand-father, and to ſuch other Princes as ſhould be thoght expedient. Likewiſe, hee thought the Caſtell of *Striuiling*, the moſt con-

conuenient place for the reſidence of this moſt Noble and Mightie Prince, in reſpect that hee was borne there: As alſo, it was neceſſary, that ſufficient preparation might be made for the Ambaſſadours that ſhould be inuited to come, for honour of the Crowne and Countrie. And beſides all this, becauſe the Chappell Royall was ruinous, and too little, concluded, that the old chappell ſhould be vtterlie raſed, and a new erected in the ſame place, that ſhuld be more large, long and glorious, to entertaine the great number of ſtrangers exſpected. Theſe propoſitions at length conſidered, they all with a free voluntarie deliberation, granted vnto his Maieſtie, the ſumme of an hundreth thouſand pounds money of Scotland. Then was there Ambaſſadors elected, to paſſe in France, England, Denmarke, the Lowe Countries, and other places before mentioned, who were al diſpatched with ſuch expedition, and their Legacies took ſuch wiſhed effect: That firſt there came two famous men from the King of Denmark, the one CHRISTIANVS BERNEKOVV, the other, STENIO BILLE, theſe came to *Leyth* the 16. of Iuly, The next day after them, came ADAMVS CRVSIVS, Ambaſſadour for the Duke of *Brunſwick*, and IOACHIMVS BASSEVITIVS, Ambaſſadour for the Duke of *Magdelburgh*, who is Grand-father to the noble Princeſſe ANNE, by the grace of God Queene of Scotland. Thirdly, the 3. day of Auguſt, there came Ambaſſadours from the States of Holland and Zeland, the Barron of Braderod, and the Treaſurer of Zeland, called IACOBVS FALKIVS.

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There was also a Noble man directed from England, to wit, the Erle of *Cummerland*, who, euen when he had prepared himselfe richlie, and honourablie in all respects for his voyage to come into Scotland, and diuers Noble-men and Gentil-men of renowne, prepared and commanded for his honorable conuoy, It pleased God to visit him with sickness: And in that respect another Noble man was chosen to supply his place, which was the Erle of *Sussex*, &c. And hee in consideration of his short, and vnexpected advertisement, made such diligence in his voyage, and magnificence for his owne persone and honourable conboy, as was thought rare and riche by all men: whereby it fell out, that betwixt the sickness of the one Nobleman and the hastie preparation of the other, the time was so farre spent, that the very prefixt daies of the Baptisme, were sundry times delaied. And because the Ambassadour of England was so long a comming: & the Ambassadors of Denmarke, Brunswicke and Magdelburgh, were feared to be hindered in their voyage by the Sea, by reason of the neere approching of Winter: They desired daily of the Kings Maiestie, during their remaining in *Edinburgh*, to haue some prefixed day to be nominate and certainly kept, that immediatly thereafter, they might be dispatched, which he granted at the last, although hee had diuers great impediments to the contrary. The first was, because the Chappell Royall and Castell of *Striuiling*, was not fully compleit in all such necessaries, as was requisite, although he had the supply of the greatest number

of Artificers in the whol Cuntrie, conuened there, of all craftes for that seruice, and his Maiesties owne person daily ouerseer, with large and liberall payment: but the chiefest cause, was the long absence of an Ambassadour from England, which his Maiestie greatly respected for many causes: And last of al, expecting, that some Ambassadour should haue come from France, which fel not out as was looked for. But when the Ambassadour was come from England to *Edinburgh*, foorthwith, his Maiestie dispatched one of the Gentlemen of his Hienes chalmer, to request him to repair towards *Striuiling* the next day with all possible diligence, (which was the 28. day of August) because he wold haue had the Baptisme administred the day following. But neither were the Propynes sent by the Queene of England, neither her Ambassadours owne cariages as then come: Therfore the Baptisme was delaied vntill the 30. day of August, as ye shall heare particularly hereafter.

But in the meane time, it is to be vnderstoode, that all these Noble Ambassadours before expressed, were honourablie sustained vpon the Kings Maiesties owne proper costes, during the whole time of their residence in Scotland, saue onely the Ambassadour of England, whose whole expences, were defrayed by his Souerane the Queene of England. And because the rest of the Ambassadors were repaired to *Striuiling* by his Maiesties direction, long before the comming of the English Ambassador, his Hienes bestowed the time with them in magnifique banketting, reuelling, & daily hunting with great honour.

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The Kings Maiestie, purposing further to decore by magnificence this action, committed the charge thereof to the Lord of Lendores, and M. William Fowler, who by their trauells, diligence, and inuention, brought it to that perfection, which the shortnes of time and other considerations could permit. So they hauing consulted together, concluded that those exercises, that wer to be vsed for decoration of that solemnitie, were to be deuided both in Feeld pastimes, with Martiall and heroicall exploites, and in houshold, with rare shewes and singular inventions,

The Feeld to be vsed at two seuerall dayes: the first to be of three Turks, three Christian knights of Malta, three Amazones, and three Moores. But by reason of the absence, or at the least, the vncertaine presence of the three last Gentlemen, who should haue sustained these personages, it was thought good, that the number of that mask should consist of Nyne Actors, nyne Pages, and nyne Lackies, which comming from sundry parts and at diuers times, together with the diuersitie of their apparell, should bring some noueltie to the beholders.

The place most expedient for this action, was the Valey, neere the Castel, which being prepared for that purpose, both with Carier and Scaffold, after the comming of the Queenes Maiestie, with her honorable and gallant Ladies, together with the honorable Ambassadors, the field beeing beset by the braue Yonkers of *Edinburgh* with their hagbutes, during the whole time of that pastyme.

Then three Christians entered the fielde with sound of Trumpet, who were the Kings maiesty, the Erll of Mar, and THOMAS ERSKINE, (gentleman of his Maiesties chalmer) who made vp this nomber.

A little after followed, three apparelled lyke Turkes, verie gorgeouslie attyred: and these wer the Duke of Lennox, the Lord Home, and Sir ROBERT KER of Cesturde Knight.

Last of all, came in three *Amazones* in womens attyre, verie sumptuouslie clad, and these were, the Lord of Lendores, the Laird of Barclewch, and the Abbote of Holie-rood-house. So all these persons beeing present, and at their entrie, making their reverence to the Queenes Maiesty, Ambassadors and Ladies, having their Pages ryding vpon their led Horse, and on their left armes, bearing their maisters *imprese* or deuice.

The Kings Maiesties, was a Lyons heade with open eyes, which signifieth after a mistique & Hierogliphique sence, Fortitude and Vigilancie: the wordes were, *Timeat & primus & vltimus orbis.* The second was a Dogs collar, al beset with iron pykes, the wordes were these, *Offendit, & defendit.* The third of that Christian armie, was a Windemil, with her spoakes vnmouing, and windes vnblowing on euerie side, with these words, *Ni sperat immeta.*

The second faction did carie these: A Hart half in fire, & half in frost: on the one part Cupids torch, & on the other, Iupiters thunder, with these words, *Hinc amor, inde metus.* The other Page a Zodiack, and

and in the same, the Moone farre opposite to the Sunne, with these wordes, *Quo remotior, lucidior.* That is to say, the farther, the fairer. The third of this pairtie, caried painted, four coach wheeles, the hindmost following the formost, & yet never ouertaking thē, with these wordes, *Quo magis insequor*

The last three Pages, bare in their Targes, these impreses following, A Crown, an eye, and a Portcullis: the Crowne betokening the power of God, the Eye his Prouidence, and the Portcullis his protection, with these wordes, which were composed in *Anagrame*, of Walterus Scotus, the Laird of Bacleughs name, *Clausus tutus ero.* The second Page of this pairtie, caried on his targe, the Portraiture of an hand, holding an Ill by the tail, alluding to the vncertainty of persons or of times, with these wordes: *Vt frustrà sic patienter.* The last was this, a fire in sight of the Sunne, burning, and not perceaued, with this sentence, *Oblector lumine victus.*

And euerie Lackie, carying in his hand, his Maisters Launce. They began their pastyme by running at the Ring and Glouc: The lawes whereof were these.

First, that all the persons of this pastime, compeare masked, and in such order as they come into the Field, so to run out all their courses. Secondlie, that none vse ante other ring, but that which is put by: and vse no other Launce, but that which they haue brought for themselues. Thirdlie, hee that twise touches the ring, or stirres it, winneth asmuch as if he caried away the Ring. Fourthlie, 1 2 3 4

he that lets his Launce fall out of his hand, is de-
5 prived of all the rest of his courses. Fiftlie, that e-
uerie one run with loose raines, and with asmuch
6 speed, as his Horse hath. Sixtlie, that none after
his race, in vptaking of his Horse, lay his Launce
vpon his shoulder, vnder the pain of losse of that
7 which he hath done in his course. Seauenthlie, hee
that carieth not his Launce vnder his arme, loo-
8 seth his course. Eightlie, that none vntil his three
courses be ended, change his Horse, if hee bee not
hurt, or vpon some other consideration mooued to
change him. These Lawes being seen and appro-
ued by the Actors, the Queenes Maiestie, signifi-
ed vnto them, that he who did run best, should haue
for his reward, a faire and a riche Ring of Dia-
monds: and hee also, who on that same side, had
best Fortune in running, he should be acknowledg-
ed with another as fair as the first. The proofe
hereof, being made, the victorie fel to the Duke of
Lennox, who bringing it to his side a pairtie, had
the praise and prise adiudged to himself. Thus the
first dayes pastime was ended, with great con-
tentment to the beholders, and commendation of
the persons enterprysers.

The second dayes pastime was extended, by
reason, that the artisans were employed in other
businesse, who should haue followed forth that in-
vention giuen them: And seeing the grace of that
exercyse, consisted in Embosserie, and the crafts-
men apt for the same, otherwise and necessarily bu-
sied, it was left off: which, if it had bene brought
to effect, this Countrie had not seene, nor practised

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a more rater: for what by the brauery and strange apparell of the persons themselues, and by the diuers shapes of the Beasts, that should haue beene born and brought ther in sight, had bene commendable and wonderfull: by reason that such beasts, as Lyon, Elephant, Hart, Unicorne, and the Griphon, together with the Camel, Hydre, Crocadile, and Dragon (carying their riders) had caried also with it by the newnes of that inuention, great contentment and commendation of that exercise. But I say, some arising lets impeshed this inuention: & al things wer cast of, that might haue farther decored this solemnity, throgh other vrgent occasions.

And when all the Ambassadours were conuened together, and all necessary materialls readie, the Chappell Royall of the Castel of *Striuiling* was richelie hung, with costly tapestries: And at the North-east end of the same, a royall seat of Estate, prepared for the kings maiestie: And on his right hand, was set a faire wyde Chaire, with the dewe ornaments pertaining therto, ouer which, was set the Armes of the king of France.

Next therunto, was a princely trauers of Crimson Taffeta, for the Ambassador of England, & ouer his head, the Armes of England: on the desk before him, lay a Cushion of red veluot: Ther stood attending on him, two Gentlemen Ushers, apointed by the Queene of England, for that present seruice.

Next vnto him, sate M. Robert Bowes, Ambassador ordinary for the Queene of England: On the deske before him, was laid a cloth of purple veluote, and a Cushion sutable thereunto.

Then sat the Ambassador of the noble Prince, Henricus Iulius, Duke of Brunswick, and before him on the desk, was laid a cloth of green veluote, with a cusben of the same: and ouer his head, the Arms of his Prince.

Next vnto him, sate the Ambassadours of the Lowe Countries, with a long faire cloth, spred on the desk before them of blew veluote, and two Cushons sutable therunto, and ouer their heades the Armes of their Countries.

On the kings left hand, was placed neerest his Maiestie, the two Ambassadors of Denmark, with a large broad cloth spred on the deske before them of purple veluot, and the Armes of Denmarke ouer their heades.

Next vnto them, sate the Ambassadour of the noble Prince Vdalricus, Duke of Magdelburgh, with his Princes Armes ouer his heade.

In the middest of the Chappell Royall within the partition, where the kings Maiestie, the Ambassadors, and Prince with his conuoy were placed, there was a newe pulpite erected: The same was richely hung with cloth of gold: All the panement within this partition, was Prince-like laide with fine tapestrie,

Under the Pulpit was another deske, wherein sate in the middest, M. Dauid Cuninghame, Bishop of Abirdene, M. Dauid Lindesay, Minister of Leyth, and Iohn Duncanson, one of the ordinary ministers to the kings Maiestie: Before whome was set a table, couered with yealowe veluote.

And when all things were in readines, as was requi-

requisite. There was placed a hundreth Hagbutters (being onely the yonkers of Edinburgh, brauely apparrelled) in order, betwixt the Princes vtter chalmer doore, and the entry to the Chappel Royall, on both the sides of the passage.

Then the kings Maiestie, with his Nobles and Counsellers attending on him, entered the Chappell, and there sate downe in his Royall seat of State.

All the Ambassadours likewise were sent for, and conuoyed to the Princes Chalmer of presence where the Prince was lying on his bed of State, richly decored, and wrought with brodered worke, containing the story of Hercules and his trauels.

This bed was erected on a platforme, very artificially, with a foot pace of three degrees ascending to it: The degrees being couered with tapestrie, all wrought with golde, and a large cloth of Lawne, couering both the bed and the degrees which reached forth a great space ouer the flore.

Then the old Countesse of Mar, with reuerence past to the bed. She took vp the Prince, and deliuered him to the Duke of Lennox, who presently rẽdered him likewise to the Ambassador of England, to be borne to the Chappell Royall.

The Maister of the Ceremonies, addressing himselfe to a table in the saide Chalmer, curiouslie ordered, whereon stood those ornaments of honor, which were to be borne to the Chappell before the Prince, with due reuerence deliuered them to certaine noble men, according to the order appointed by his Maiestie for the bearing thereof.

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In lyke manner, the Princes Robe-royall, being of purple Velvote, very richelie set with pearl, was deliuered to the Duke of Lennox, who put the same about the prince: the traine wherof, was borne vp by the Lord Sinclair, & the Lord Vrquhart. Then they remoued themselues to the vtter chalmer, where, ther was a fair high Pale made foursquare, of Crimson Velvote attending: which was laid on with rich passments, and fringed with gold. This Pale was sustained by four worthyful Barons, The Laird of Bacleugh, the Constable of Dundie, Sir Robert Ker of Cesfurd knight, & the Laird of Traquhair. Under the which Pale were the Ambassadors of England, Robert Erll of Sussex, carying the Prince in his armes, & M. Robert Bowes, ordinary Ambassador for England, assisting him. Next to thē, was the Duke of Lennox. About the Pale, were the Ambassadors of Denmarke, Magdelburgh, Brunswick, and the Estates. There followed, the old Countesse of Mar, Mistres Bowes, diuerse Ladies of Honor, with the Mistres Nurse.

Then the Trumpets sounding melodiously before the Prince and his convoy, went forwarde: *LYON* King of Armes, and the Heraulds his brethren with their coat-armors, in goodly order following.

Next followed the Princes Honors, borne by these Noblemen: The Lorde Sempill carying a Lavar of water, The Lord Seton, a fair Basen: The Lord Leuingston a Towell, and the Lorde Home a low Crowne competent for a Duke, richlie

lie set with Diamonds, Saphires, Rubies, and Emeraudes: who approching neere the Pulpit, where these Honors were receaued from them, by the maister of the Ceremonies, and by him placed on the Table before the pulpite: the Noble men retyring back to their appointed places.

Lastlie, the Pale was caried in before the pulpite, where the Ambassador of England rendered the Prince to the Duke of Lennox, who immediatlie deliuered him to the olde Countesse of Mar, and she consequentlie to the Mistres Nurse. And all the Ambassadors were then set, in such order of places, as the demonstration of their Armories, gaue notice.

Without the partition, were ornate fourmes, all covered with greene, whereupon were placed the Gentlemen of England, Denmarke, Almaine, Flanders, and Scotland. And as all men wer thus competentlie placed, and universall silence made, entered M. Patrik Galloway, one of his Maesties ordinarie Preachers into the Pulpite, who learnedlie and godlilie, entreated upon the text of the 21. of *Genesis*. Which being done, the Bishop of Aberdene, stood up in his seate, and taught upon the Sacrament of Baptisme, firste, in the vulgare tongue, and next in the Latine, to the end, all men might generallie understand. This done, the Provost, and Prebends of the Chappell Royall, did sing the 21. Psalme of *Dauid*, according to the art of Musique, to the great delectation of the noble Auditorie.

Then they proceeded to the action. The King arose

arose, and came towards the Pulpit. The Ambassadours followed in their order. The Barons that carried the Pale aboue the Prince, mooued towards the Pulpit: The Duke of Lennox, receaued the Prince from the Countesse of Mar, and deliuered him to the handes of the Erll of Sussex, Ambassadour for England: Where he was named by all their consents, *FREDERIK HENRIE*, *HENRIE FREDERIK*, and so baptised, In the name of the Father, Sonne, and holie Ghost, by the said names.

This being done, Lyon King of Armes, with a loud voice, reportes these names thryse ouer: & then after him, the rest of his brethren Heraulides, with Trumpets sounding, confirmed the same.

Then the Kings Maiestie, Ambassadors, and all remouing to their places: the English Ambassadour alone, withdrawing himself on the one side was mette and attended on, by two Groomes, who humblie on their knees, the one presenting a large rich Basen, the other a suitable Lavar, repleat with sweet water, wherewith the Ambassador washed: a Gentleman Sewer, with humble reuerence, presenting him a fair Towall, wherewith he dried his hands, and so forthwith returned to his place.

This beeing done, the Bishop ascended to the Pulpite, where, after that hee had deliuered in verse, a certaine praise and commendation of the Prince, then hee converted the rest of his Latine Oration, in prose to the Ambassadours, euery one in particular, beginning at the Ambassadour of England,

England, and ſo continuing with the reſt: Whereín he made mentiõ of the Chronology of ech of theſe Princes: & recited the proximitie, and neerneſſe of blood that they had with Scotland. Cõcluding his Oration, with exhortation & thankſgiuing to God for that good occaſion, and proſperous aſſemblie.

In concluſion, the bleſſing beeing giuen, Lyon King of Armes, cryed with a loud voice, God ſaue *FREDERIK HENRIE*, and *HENRIE FREDERIK*, by the grace of God, Prince of Scotland. The reſt of the Heraulds, proclaymed the ſame at an open windowe of the Chappell Royall, with ſound of Trumpet.

Then the King, the Prince, the Ambaſſadors, the Nobles, and Ladies of Honor, retyred forth of the Chappell, in ſuch order as they entered, and repayred towards the Kings Hal. During their paſſage, the Cannons of the Caſtel roared, that therwith the earth trembled, and other ſmaller ſhot made their harmonie after their kynde.

In the Kings Hall, the Duke of Lennox receaued the Prince from the Ambaſſadour of England, and preſented him to the Kings Maieſty, who addubbed him knight. Hee was touched with the Spur by the Erll of Mar: Thereafter the kings Maieſtie preſented a Ducall crowne on his head, & then was proclaimed by Lyon King of Armes, The right Excellent, High, and Magnanime, *FREDERIK HENRIE, HENRIE FREDERIK*, by the grace of God, Knight and Barron of *Renfrew:* Lord of the *Yles*, Erll of *Carrike*, Duke of *Roſay*, Prince and great Steward of *Scotland*.

These words were repeated by the Heraulds with a loud voice, at an open window of the Hal. Then the Prince was caried by the Ambassador of England, to his owne Chalmer of presence: where, the most rich, and rare proppynes wer there presented.

Also, there were certain Barons and Gentlemen addubbed Knights, whose names doe follow in order as they were proclaimed. And first their oath.

The Oath of a Knight.

1 I Shall fortifie and defend the true Christian Religion, & Christs holy Evangel, now presently preched within this Realm, to the vttermost of my power.

2 I shal be leil & true to my soverane Lord the Kings Majestie, To all orders of Chievalry, and to the noble office of Armes.

3 I shall fortifie and defend justice at my power, and that without favour or feed.

4 I shall never flie from my soverane Lord, the Kings Majestie, nor from his Hienes Lieuetenants in time of mellay, and battell.

5 I shall defend my natiue Realme, from all Allieners and strangers.

6 I shal defend the just action & quarrel of al Ladies of Honour, of all true and friendles Widowes, of Orphantes, and of Maidens of good fame.

7 I shal do diligence, whersoever I heare there is any Murtherers, Traytors or maisterfull Reavers, that oppresseth the Kings Lieges, and poore people, to bring them to the Lawe at my power.

8 I shal maintain & vphold the noble estate of Cheualrie,

ualrie, with Horſe, harniſſe, and other Knightly abillze-ments: And ſhall helpe and ſuccour them of the ſame order at my power, if they haue neede.

9 I ſhall enquire and ſeeke to haue the knowledge & vnderſtanding of all the Articles and points contained in the book of Chievalry.

All theſe premiſſes to obſerue, keepe, and fulfill: I obleſſe me, ſo helpe me my God, by my owne hand, ſo help me God, &c.

Sir William Stewart of *Houſtoun*, Knight.
Sir Robert Bruce of *Clackmannan*, Knight.
Sir Iohn Boſwell of *Balmowtow*, Knight.
Sir Iames Schaw of *Salquhy*, Knight.
Sir Iohn Murray of *Ethilſtoun*, Knight.
Sir William Menteith of *Kerſe*, Knight.
Sir Alexander Fraſer of *Fraſerburgh*, Knight.
Sir Iohn Lindeſay of *Dunrod*, Knight.
Sir George Leuingſton of *Ogilface*, Knight.
Sir Iames Foreſter of *Torwood-head*, Knight.
Sir Andrew Balfoure of *Strathour*, Knight.
Sir Walter Dundas of ouer *Newliſtoun*, Knight.
Sir Iohn Boſwell of *Glaſemont*, Knight.
Sir George Elphingſtoun of *Blythwood*, Knight.
Sir William Leuingſton of *Darnecheſter*, Knight.
Sir Dauid Meldrum of *New-hall*, Knight.

Theſe names wer proclaimed vpon the Tar-rale of the forefront of the Caſtell, with ſound of Trumpets, and great quantity of diuerſe ſpeces of gold and money, caſt ouer amongſt the people.

Theſe things beeing accompliſhed, the King

and Queenes Maiesties, with the Ambassadors, addressed themselues to the banket in the great Hal, about eight of the clock at night. Then came Lyon king of Armes, with his brethren the Heraulds, and entered the Hal before the king and Queenes meate, the Trumpets sounding melodiously before them: with these Noblemen, bearing office for the present.

The Erll of *Mar*, { Great Maister-housholde.
The Lord *Fleming*, { Great Maister-Vsher.

The Erll of *Montroze*, { Carver.
The Erll of *Glencarne*, { Copper. } *For the Kings M.*
The Erll of *Orkenay*, { Sewar.

The Lord *Seton* { Carver.
The Lord *Hume* { Copper. } *For the Queenes M.*
The Lord *Sempill* { Sewar.

This delicate banket beeing ordered with great aboundance, the king, Queene, and Ambassadours, were placed al at one Table, being formed of three partes, after a Geometricall figure, in such sort, that every one might haue a full sight of the other.

The king & Queens Maiesties, were placed in the midst of the table, and on the kings right hand were set the English Ambassadours, the Erle of Sussex, and M. Robert Bowes, next them sat the Ambassadour from the Duke of Brunswicke, and the Am-

Ambaſſadour from the Duke of Magdelburgh.

On the kings left hand, next to the Queenes Maieſtie, ſate the Ambaſſadour of Denmarke, and Ambaſſadours from the States of Holland and Zeland: Betwixt every one of their ſeats, was left a good ſpace.

On the Eaſt and weſt ſide of the Hal, was placed two very long Tables, where were ſet certain Noble men, Ladies of honour, and Counſellers of Scotland, and with them, the Noble men and Gentil-men of England, Denmark, Almaine and Flanders. And betwixt every Noble-man and Gentil-man ſtranger, was placed a Lady of honour, or Gentil-woman.

Nowe, beeing thus in a very honourable and comely order ſet, and after a whyle, hauing well refreſhed themſelues with the firſt ſeruice, which was very ſumpteous, there came into the ſight of them all, a Black-Moore, drawing (as it ſeemed to the beholders) a triumphall Chariot (and before it, the melodious noyſe of trumpets and Howboyes) which Chariot entered the Hall, the motion of the whole frame (which was twelue foote long, and ſeuen foot broad) was ſo artificial within it ſelfe, that it appeared to be drawen in, onely by the ſtrength of a Moore, which was very richly attyred, his traces were great chaines of pure gold.

Upon this Chariot, was finely and artificially deuiſed, a ſumpteous couered Table, decked with all ſortes of exquiſite delicates and dainties, of pattiſſerie, frutages, and confections.

About the table, were placed ſix Gallant dames,

who represented a silent Comedie, three of them clothed in Argentyne Saten, and three in Crimson Saten: All these six garments, were enriched with Togue and Tinsal, of pure gold and siluer, euery one of them hauing a Crowne or Garland on their heades, very richely decked with Fethers, pearles, and Jewels vpon their loose haire, in Antica forma.

In the first front stood dame Ceres, with a sickle in her right hand, and a handfull of Corne in the other, and vpon the outmost part of her thigh, was written this sentence, *Fundent vberes omnia Campi*, which is to say, the plenteous Fields shall affoord all things.

Ouer against Ceres, stood Fæcunditie, with some bushes of Chelbolls, which vnder an hierogliphik sence, representeth broodines with this deuise, *Fælix prole divum*, and on the other side of her habite, *Crescant in mille*. The first importing that this Cuntrie is blessed by the Childe of the goddes, and the second, alluding to the King and Queenes Maiesties, that their generations may grow into thousandes.

Next on the other side, was placed Faith, hauing in her hands a Balen, and in the same two hands loyned together, with this sentence, *Boni alumna coniugij*, The foztresse and nurse of a blessed mariage.

Ouer against Faith, stood Concorde, with a golden Talle in her left hand, and the hozn of aboundance in her right hand with this sentence, *Pleno beant te numina Sinu*. The heuenly powers do blesse thee with a full bosome.

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The next place was occuppyed by Liberalitie, who hauing in her right hand two Crownes, and in her left, two Scepters, with this deuise, *Me comite plura quam dabis, accipies.* That is to say, hauing me thy follower, thou shalt receiue more than thou shalt giue.

And the last was Perseverance, hauing in her right hand a staffe, and on her left shoulder an Anchor, with this deuise, *Nec dubiæ res mutabunt, nec secundæ*, Neither doubtfull, nor more prosperous things shall change your state.

This Chariot which should haue bene drawn in by a Lyon, (but because his presence might haue brought some feare, to the neerest, or that the sight of the lights and torches might haue commoued his tamenes) It was thoght meet, that the Moore should supply that roome: And so, he in outwarde shewe, prealled to draw that forward, which by a secreet conboy, was brought to the Princes Table, and the whole desert, was deliuered by Ceres, Foecunditie, Faith, Concord, Liberalitie, and Perseverance, to the Erles, Lords, and Barons that were Sewers.

Presently after the returning of the Chariot, entered a most sumpteous, artificiall, and wel proportioned ship, the length of her keele, was 18. foot, and her bredth 8. foote: from her bottome to her highest flagge, was 40. foot: the Sea shee stoode vpon, was 24. foot long, with bredth conuenient: her motion was so artificially deuised within her self, that none could perceiue what brought her in. The Sea vnder her, was liuely counterfeit, with

al coulours: On her forestarne was placed Neptunus, hauing in his hand his Trident, & on his head a Crowne, his apparell was all of Indian cloth of siluer and silk, which bare this inscription, *Iunxi atque reduxi*, which in sence importeth, that as he joyned them, so he reduced their Maiesties.

Then Thetis with her Mace, goddesse of the sea with this deuise, *Nunquam abero & tutum semper te littore sistam*, which signifieth, that by her presence, she alwaies shall be carefull to bring them into a safe shore and harborow.

Then Triton with his wilke Trumpet, was next to her with this deuise, *Velis, votis, ventis*, by Sayles, by Vowes, by Windes.

Round about the Ship, were all the Marine people, as Syrenes, (aboue the middle as women, & vnder as fishes:) and these were Parthenope, Ligea, and Leucosia, who accommodating their gestures to the voice of the Musitions, repeated this verse, *Vnus eris nobis cantandus semper in orbe*. And all the same was decored with the riches of the seas, as Pearls, Corals, Shelles, and Mettalls, very rare and excellent.

The bulke of this Ship was curiouslie painted, and her Galleries, wherevpon stood the most part of the Banket in Christalline glasse, gilt with Gold and Azure. Her Masts were redde, her takling and cordage, was silk of the same coulour, with golden Pullets. Her ordinance was 36. peeces of Brasse, brauelie mounted, and her Anchors Siluer-gylt. All her Sayles were double of white Taffata. And in her fore-sayle, a Ship Compas,

Compas, regarding the North Star, with this sentence, *Quascunque per vndas*. Which is to say, through quhatsoeuer seas, or waues, the Kings Maeitie intendeth his course, and proiect of anie acrysing action, Neptune as God of the Sea, shal be fauorable to his proceedings.

On the Main-saile, was painted the Armories of Scotland and Denmark, with this deuice, competent in the person of the Prince of Scotland. *En quæ diuisa beatos efficiunt, collecta tenes.* That is to say, Beholde (O Prince) what doth make these kingdomes seuerally blessed, ioyntly (O Prince of hope) thou holdes, and hast together.

Her tops were al armed with Taffataes of his Maiesties Collours, Golde, and Geules: and all her Flaggs and streamers sutable to the same.

Her Marriners were in number six, apparelled al in changeable Spanish Taffataes, and her Pilote in cloth of gold, he alone stood at the helme, who only mooued and gouerned the whole frame, both the Ship and her burden, very artificially.

The Musitions within the same, were 14. all apparelled in Taffataes of his Maiesties collors, besides Arion with his Harp.

Being thus prepared, at the sound of Trumpets, she approached, and at the next sound of Tritons wilk Trumpet, together with the Masters whistle, she made sayle till shee came to the Table, discharging the ordinance in her Sterne by the way: But because this deuise caried some morall meaning with it, it shal not be impertinent to this purpose, to discover what is meant and propyned thereby.

The kings Maiestie, hauing vndertaken in such a desperate time, to sayle to Norway, and like a newe Iason, to bring his Queene our gracious Lady to this kingdome, being detained and stopped by the conspiracies of Witches, and such deuillish Dragons, thought it very meet, to followe forth this his owne invention, that as Neptunus (speaking poetically, and by such fictions, as the like Interludes and actions are accustomed to be decored withall) ioyned the king to the Queene.

So after this Coniunction, hee brought their Maiesties as happely hither: and now at this her blessed deliuery, did bring such things as the Sea affoords, to decore this festiual time withal: which immediatly were deliuered to the Sewers, forth of the Galleries of this Ship, out of Christalline glasse, very curiously painted with Gold & Azure, all sortes of Fishes: as Hearinges, Whytings, Flookes, Oysters, Buckies, Lampets, Partans, Lapstars, Crabs, Spout-fish, Clammes: with other infinit things made of Suger, and most liuely represented in their owne shape. And whiles the Ship was vnloading: Arion sitting vpon the Galey-nose, which resembled the forme of a Dolphine fish, played vpon his Harp: Then began her musike in greene holyne Howboyes in fiue partes. After that, followed Viols with voices in plaine counterpointe, to the nature of these Hexameter Verses.

Vndique conveniant, quot Reges nomine Christi
Gaudent, hucque suas maturent cogere vires.
Viribus hos, O Rex, opibusque antejueris omnes

Quis-

Quiſque ſuam jam poſſe velit tibi cedere ſortem.
Regna, viros, aurum, quæ te fecere potentem.
Omnia conjugij decorant hæc pignora chari:
ANNA precor foelix multos feliciter annos,
Vive, reſume novas, atque annuus anni
Inſtar eat, redeatque; novo tibi partus ab ortu.
Creſce Puer, ſacri mens numinis imbibat imbres,
Semper vterque parens de te nova gaudia captet.
Scotia, quæ quondam multis tenebroſa vocata es
Lumina magna nitent in te ſuperantia coelum,
Lux Verbi, & Rex, & Princeps diademata Regni.

After which, enſued a ſtũ noyſe of Recorders and Flutes: and for the fourth, a generall conſort of the beſt Inſtruments.

So this Enterlude, drawing neere to an end, in the verie laſt courſes, was diſcouered this ſentence likewiſe. *Submiſſus adorat Occeanus*, inferring, that the Occean Sea, by offering the ſhapes of her treaſure humblie adored and honoured the ſitters. And when in this time, all the banket was done, after thanks being giuen, there was ſung with moſt delicate dulce voices, and ſweet harmonie in 7. partes, the 128. Pſalme, with 14. voices. And that being done, at the ſound of Tritons wilde Trumpet, and the Pilotes whiſtle, ſhe wayed anchor, made ſaile, and with noiſe of Howboyes and Trumpets, retyred, and then diſcharged the reſt of her ordinance, to the great admiration of the beholders

After all which Paſtime and ſport, with merry and joyfull repaſt, the King and Queenes Mae-

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ties, after other offices of honour and respect, the place being prepared for the Reuels, and the Persons appointed for the same, discharging themselues sufficiently. Their Maiesties, and Ambassadors, went to another Hal, most richly and magnificently hung with riche Tapistrie, where for the collation, a most rare, sumpteous, and Princelike desart of Suger was prepared, which being ended, after taking of leaue, and goodnights, they departed about three of the clock in the morning, to their nights rest.

The daies ensewing, so long as leasure might serue, was bestowed by the Ambassadors, in banketting of Noble men and Gentilmen of their acquauntance, and the King in the meane time was sollicite and carefull of honourable and magnifike rewardes, to be bestowed on either of them, which was also Princelie performed, to their great contentments.

And as they were come to Edinburgh, they were all banketted at some time, seuerally, and at other times togither, by diuers Noble men of Scotland, with great honour: Last of all, one Ambassadour banketted another, for commemoration of that Joyfull meeting and good successe.

Then the King and Queenes Maiesties came to Edinburgh, where they were invited by the Ambassadours of Denmarke, vnto a Banket within their Shippe, which lay at anchor in the Riuer of Forth: Shee was so great, that shee could not enter the Harborow.

The Banket was very sumpteous, and the Ambas-

Ambaſſadours ſo Joyous of their finall diſpatch, behaued themſelues to their Maieſties on a kindly maner, according to the ordinary cuſtom of their Cuntrie, by propining of drink vnto them in name of their Princes, which was louingly accepted and requited: In commemoration whereof, the whole Artillerie of that great Veſſell were ſhot in great number.

The three great Ships of the Eſtates, lying in the ſame Road neere by, made correſpondance and reſonance to the number of ſix ſcore gret ſhot, and thus concluded their Bien alle.

Then the Caſtel of Edinburgh, for performance of the Kings honour, as they perceaued the ſhips to loſe, and to hoyſe vp ſayle: The Captaine of the Caſtell ſaluted euery Ship, as they ſhewed themſelues in readines by order, with a number of great Cannon ſhotte. And ſo I conclude.

FINIS.